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FOR BOWDLER FROM THE SECRETARY - EYES ONLY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO FOURIS FROM THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSMISSION TO RHODESIANS.
 2. BEGIN TEXT: U.K. AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA HAS SHOWN US SUMMARY OF POINTS FOURIE AND HAWKINS MADE TO SCOTT CONCERNING ARMS AND WARFARE.
 3. TO REITERATE OUR POSITION, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY TOLD THE BLACK PRESIDENTS THAT CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES UPON INAUGURATION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF THE PACKAGE. KAUNDA AND NYERERE HAVE AGREED TO THIS. USG IS COMMITTED TO DO ALL IN ITS DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC POWER TO INSURE THAT THE BLACK STATES LIVE UP TO THIS CONDITION. AND WE WILL EXPECT EACH OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS TO MAKE THE SAME EFFORT.
 4. SECONDLY, AS TO ARMS AND OTHER SECURITY AID, THIS IS ANOTHER REASON WHY A BLACK MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS IMPORTANT. IN THE EVENT A RECOGNIZED INTERIM GOVERNMENT COMES UNDER PRESSURE FROM RADICAL STATES BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION, WE CANNOT BE SPECIFIC ABOUT ALL THE MEASURES THAT WE COULD TAKE. WE WOULD SURELY USE ALL OUR DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE AND THE US WOULD CERTAINLY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO HELP THAN WITH THE PRESENT AUTHORITIES WHOM WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE. EVEN IF THE CONGRESS WERE TO BLOCK DIRECT ASSISTANCE, WE WOULD DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT GET ASSISTANCE ELSEWHERE.
- END TEXT.

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5. TO BOWDLER: INSURE THT SCOTT SAYS NOTHEIN

INCONSISTENT IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE WITH THIS. IN FACT,
THE LESS THE BRITISH SAY NOW, THE BETTER. WE
ASSUME YOU HAVE SCOTT'S COMMUNICATION. PLEASE MAKE
CLEAR THAT THESE MESSAGES ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
AND CANNOT BE USED PUBLICLY.
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